

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 28 January 2020

President **Graham Harker** opened the meeting at 19.35 hours and welcomed the fourteen members present. He introduced the two visiting speakers from **Kingston upon Thames Philatelic Society** and invited them to give their displays.



Peter Wood display of “**Ireland, Uniform Penny Post to the Rising**” started with an 1825 entire from Ireland to London with £1.13.4d to pay which was indicative of the need for the eventual Rowland Hill Reforms and the introduction of the Penny Post. The standard rate was reduced to 4d in 1839 and examples of this rate were shown in script and also in hand struck “4s” which were only used in a small number of areas. Mulready envelopes and Letter Sheets were introduced in 1840 along with the Penny Black. A variety of Mulreadys, including caricatures, were admired by all those present along with Penny Blacks cancelled by Maltese Crosses in red or black. Spoon Cancels bearing the distinctive Irish diamond shape along with Christmas cards and Valentine cards introduced in the 1860s and fancy illustrated envelopes were displayed and the introduction of postcards in 1870 provided some fine pictures.



Chris Oliver followed with his display of **“Booklets of the South African Republic for the 50 Year Period to 2011”**. Firstly, issues from November 1987 following the Natal Flood Disaster with 15cent definitives x 10 overprinted ‘Natal Flood Disaster/ Vloedamp Natal’ and surcharged 10c, followed by 16c definitives x 10 similarly overprinted were shown. Next were booklets of ‘Aviation in South Africa’ with 45c x 10 illustrating different types of aircraft used in developing aviation in South Africa. This was followed in 1995 by ‘The World Cup Rugby Championships’, Increased Rates booklets in December of that year and at Christmas 1996 the first of the ‘Big Five’ booklets was issued showing Lions, Elephants, Rhinos, Leopards and Buffaloes. There were a number of issues to promote tourism in different parts of the country over the years together with birds, including raptors and ducks. The display featured lots of colour and variety including proofs and prestige booklets, self adhesives and non-denominational stamps.

At the conclusion of the evening **Graham Harker** thanked **Peter** and **Chris** for their contrasting displays, the variety and quality of their material and their engaging presentations. He then called on the audience to express its appreciation in the usual way before thanking the tea makers. The meeting closed at 21.00 hours.

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